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TREATMENT OF SEPSIS

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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 2, 2007, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application, which set a period of 31 days for response. Response is due, therefore by May 3, 2007; this response is timely filed.

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Claims 9-13 are currently pending in the application. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

- Claims 9-12, drawn to methods of treating/preventing/inhibiting sepsis in an animal; and
- Claim 13, drawn to a method of screening substances which stimulate carbohydrate moieties of gangliosides.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 9-12) drawn to methods of treating/preventing/inhibiting sepsis in an animal. The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in additional applications.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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